

status to other organisms. Such a request shall include information to establish the similarity of the antecedent organism and the regulated articles in question.

(3) APHIS will announce in the **Federal Register** all preliminary decisions to extend determinations of nonregulated status 30 days before the decisions become final and effective. If additional information becomes available that APHIS believes justifies changing its decision, it will issue a revised decision.

(4) If a request to APHIS to extend a determination of nonregulated status under this part is denied, APHIS will inform the submitter of that request of the reasons for denial. The submitter may submit a modified request or a separate petition for determination of nonregulated status without prejudice.

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§ 340.7 [Amended]

9. In § 340.7, paragraph (b) introductory text, remove the words "Biotechnology, Biologics, and Environmental Protection" and add in their place the word "APHIS".

Done in Washington, DC, this 21st day of April 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

7 CFR Part 340

[Docket No. 95-040-3]

Simplification of Requirements for Genetically Engineered Organisms; Public Meeting

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will hold a meeting to discuss the introduction of genetically engineered plants under the amended regulations pertaining to notification and to the petition process for the determination of nonregulated status. The meeting will be operated as a workshop, and we request that interested persons register and submit agenda items two weeks before the meeting date. A revised User's Guide

and guidelines are available as background materials for the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held in Riverdale, MD, on Wednesday, May 28, 1997, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m., and Thursday, May 29, 1997, from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Conference Center at the USDA Center at Riverside, 4700 River Road, Riverdale, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the agenda, contact Dr. James White, BSS, PPQ, APHIS, Suite 5B05, 4700 River Road Unit 147, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-5940; or e-mail: jwhite@aphis.usda.gov. To register for the meeting and to submit agenda items, or to request copies of the documents referenced in this notice, contact Ms. Kay Peterson at (301) 734-4885; FAX (301) 734-8669; or e-mail: mkpeterson@aphis.usda.gov. Documents and information are also available on the Internet at the APHIS World Wide Web site: <http://www.aphis.usda.gov/biotech>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regulations in 7 CFR part 340, "Introduction of Organisms and Products Altered or Produced Through Genetic Engineering Which Are Plant Pests or Which There Is Reason to Believe Are Plant Pests," regulate, among other things, the introduction (importation, interstate movement, or release into the environment) of organisms and products altered or produced through genetic engineering that are plant pests or that there is reason to believe are plant pests. Such genetically engineered organisms and products are considered "regulated articles." Before introducing a regulated article, a person is required under § 340.0 of the regulations to either (1) notify the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in accordance with § 340.3 or (2) obtain a permit in accordance with § 340.4. The regulations in § 340.6 provide that any person may submit a petition to APHIS seeking a determination that an article should not be regulated under 7 CFR part 340.

In the Rules and Regulations section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, APHIS has published a final rule (Docket No. 95-040-2) that, among other things, amends the regulations in § 340.3 to expand the scope of organisms that will be included under the notification procedure, and in § 340.6 to allow the extension of a previously issued determination of nonregulated status to certain additional regulated articles. In conjunction with the final rule, APHIS has prepared

guidelines for the submission of requests for extensions of determinations of nonregulated status, and an addition to the User's Guide for the preparation of notifications under the amended regulations. The final rule, guidelines, and addition to the User's Guide are available on the Internet at the APHIS World Wide Web site, and from the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

To help familiarize the affected public with the guidelines and the addition to the User's Guide, and to provide an opportunity for a general discussion of the preparation of notifications, permits, petitions, and requests for extensions of determinations of nonregulated status, APHIS has scheduled a workshop to be held in Riverdale, MD, on May 28 and 29, 1997. The tentative agenda for the meeting is as follows: Day 1, morning—notifications and permits; afternoon—petitions; Day 2, morning—extensions of determinations.

We request that interested persons submit registrations, which should include name, address, and telephone number, as well as agenda items, by Wednesday, May 14, 1997, to the person indicated under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 39

[Docket No. 96-NM-204-AD; Amendment 39-10000; AD 97-09-04]

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Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Industrie Model A320, A321, A330, and A340 Series Airplanes Equipped With Westland-Sitec Fire Shutoff Valves Having Part Number EO3000

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This amendment adopts a new airworthiness directive (AD), applicable to certain Airbus Industrie Model A320, A321, A330, and A340 series airplanes, that requires repetitive testing of certain fire shutoff valves (FSOV) on the left and right engines, repetitive checks of certain parts on the